

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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A RESOLUTION memorializing the United States Congress to accelerate the naturalization process and make such process more accessible to legal immigrants.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly believes strongly that legal immigrants who have indicated a willingness to become full members of our society should have the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, the federal government should allocate sufficient resources to facilitate the naturalization process in a timely manner, namely by reducing the amount of time and paperwork required for legal immigrants to attain U.S. citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the federal government should play an expanded role in preparing legal immigrants for U.S. citizenship, acculturating them in our core civic values, and otherwise promoting their full integration into the economic, social, and civic life of their adopted nation; and

WHEREAS, by working proactively on this important issue, the federal government can make the naturalization process more accessible to legal immigrants, who contribute significantly to this nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby memorializes the United States Congress to enact the necessary legislation to accelerate the naturalization process and make such process more accessible to legal immigrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Senate be directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.